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the inner demarcation stones if several survey numbers and sub-numbers were comprised in one holding and were of the same tenure irrigated by the same channel or tank to save cost of stones and space and hindrance to ploughing &c., (h) the lands for communal purposes wherever available should be registered to the applicants. In conclusion, he suggested, as a safeguard against misuse of the agricultural loans granted, that the work of improvement required by the applicant might be given him on contract by advancing 50% of the cost of the work as estimated by the D. P. W. the balance being paid on the completion of the work.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. With regard to fishing, I quite agree. We should not allow water to be baled out except for bonafide purposes of irrigation. I have spoken to Mr. Bastow about this. You had better see him.

44. Certain suggestions for the improvement of agriculture, with special reference to Kadapra in the Thiruvella taluk.

Mr. K. M. Mammen Mappila (Member, Thriuvella, taluk) said that the Department of Agriculture was of immense benefit to the people of this State, who were mostly agriculturists, but the advantages that the people could have derived from it had been practically denied for want of an adequate qualified staff. It was indeed an impossibility for the Director, the only officer that could travel throughout the State, to give advice to the ryots and to render timely help to all who needed it. Now was the proper time for the department to come to the aid of the people when the palm disease was devastating their cocoanut plantations. The Member proposed the following remedies, (1) that a qualified officer should be appointed for each taluk or at least one for two taluks together, (2) that Demonstration Farms should be established in each centre, with schools for imparting tuition to the sons of the agriculturists. The Member then proposed that remedies should be found at any cost to cure the disease of the affected trees without destroying the same.

Then he referred to the difficulties of paddy cultivation in the Kadappra *pakuthi* and said that of late there had been failure of crops due perhaps to inundation, want of manure &c. He wanted that the Director should come over there to make an investigation as to the real cause and to suggest remedial measures. In conclusion, he urged the establishment of a Demonstration Farm at Thiruvella, with two manure depots at Kadapra and Eriviperoor, and also a Veterinary Hospital for the use of the ryots of the place. The Member said that the inhabitants were even prepared to bear a part of the cost of these institutions.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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